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County of San Diego Selected 2005 Crumline Award Winner

(May 17, 2005 - Falls Church, Va.) The County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health has been selected as the recipient of the 2005 *Samuel J. Crumline Consumer Protection Award for Excellence in Food Protection*.

The Crumline Award, named for one of the United States most renowned public health sanitarians, is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2005. The award is presented to a local public health unit by a jury of leading environmental health officials and public health sanitarians and is the most prestigious recognition that a public health unit can receive. Crumline winners serve as models for other public health and safety programs across the nation.

"San Diego clearly provided an excellent program submittal that involved an industry and public input process creating a clear vision with effective program planning. Their model truly exemplifies that Environmental Leadership that Samuel J. Crumline would be proud of," stated David F. Ludwig, division manager at Maricopa County, Ariz., Environmental Health and chair of the 2005 jury.

"I am very pleased that the County of San Diego's innovative food safety program has been selected for this prestigious recognition," said Gary Erbeck, director of San Diego's Department of Environmental Health. "It is a testament to the vision, dedication and hard work of our environmental health professionals to prevent and reduce the incidence of food borne illness."

San Diego will receive the Crumline Award at the Annual Education Conference of the National Environmental Health Association, June 25-29 in Providence, R.I. Award presentations will also be made at the annual meetings of the National Association of County and City Health Officials, July 12-15 in Boston, and the International Association for Food Protection, August 14-17 in Baltimore.

The Crumline Award is supported by the Conference for Food Protection, in cooperation with the American Academy of Sanitarians, American Public Health Association, Association of Food & Drug Officials, Foodservice & Packaging Institute Inc., International Association for Food Protection, International Food Safety Council, National Association of County and City Health Officials, National Environmental Health Association, National Sanitation Foundation International and Underwriters Laboratories Inc.

For more information about the Crumline Award, please contact Lynn Rosseth, director of market development and programs at the Foodservice & Packaging Institute at (703) 538-2800. A copy of San Diego's award-winning application will soon be placed on the FPI Web site at www.fpi.org.

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